

Lana Gordon, Interim Secretary

Sam Brownback, Governor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 8, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Cassie Sparks: 785-296-0901

Cassie.Sparks@dol.ks.gov

### **Department of Labor Releases 2010 Workplace Fatality Data**

**TOPEKA, Kan** –Kansas recorded 85 total workplace fatalities in 2010 according to the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, an increase of 11.8 percent from 76 fatalities in 2009.

Incidents involving transportation continued to be responsible for the most deaths at 39 work-related fatalities, or 45.9 percent of the total. Highway accidents made up 20 of the 39, or 51.3 percent of the transportation fatalities.

Agricultural managers, within the management occupational group, had the highest number of worker fatalities in 2010 with 19 fatalities, or 22.4 percent of the total. Driver/sales workers and truck drivers, within the transportation and material moving occupational group, accounted for the second highest number of fatalities with 12 work-related deaths, or 14.1 percent of the total.

Seventy-nine of the total deaths in 2010 were men. White, non-Hispanic workers accounted for 78 of the recorded fatalities. The age group 55-64 recorded the most fatalities with 22, followed by the 45-54 age group with 19.

The data showed that 57 of the deaths were wage and salary workers, while 28 workers were self-employed. In 2009, 45 of the recorded fatalities were wage and salary workers, with 31 self-employed.

September had the highest number of fatalities at 11, or 12.9 percent of the year's total. June and August tied for second, with 10 fatalities recorded in each month of 2010.

The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries program is a national census program conducted by the Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program collects data from multiple sources for every workplace fatality recorded. Each case must have two or more substantiating documents. These source documents include death certificates, workers compensation reports, motor vehicle accident reports, obituaries, employer reports and other federal and state records.

Each fatality is counted in the state where the incident occurs regardless of the state of employment. This ensures that there is no duplication of reporting by the states. Records are kept of heart attack and illness victims, but they are excluded from this data.

The complete Kansas results are available at: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov>. Follow KansasDOL on Twitter and Facebook.

###